



National Fuel Declares Quarterly Dividend

(March 12, 2009) WILLIAMSVILLE, NEW YORK: National Fuel Gas Company's (NYSE:NFG) Board of Directors today approved payment of a regular quarterly dividend of 32.5 cents per share on the Company's common stock. The dividend is payable April 15, 2009, to shareholders of record on March 31, 2009.

National Fuel has paid dividends for 106 consecutive years and has increased its annual dividend for 38 straight years. In June 2008, the dividend was increased 4.8 percent.

National Fuel is an integrated energy company with \$4.2 billion in assets comprising four principal operating segments: Utility, Pipeline and Storage, Exploration and Production, and Energy Marketing. Additional information about the company is available at <http://www.nationalfuelgas.com> or through its investor information service at 1-800-334-2188.